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1. DAO'S CURRENT ESTIMATE OF PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES FOLLOWS:

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ARMY - 182,900

NAVY - 18,500
AF - 19,500
TOTAL- 220,900

2. WE BELIEVE THAT PORTUGUESE RESPONSE TO DPQ(74) WAS PREPARED BEFORE APRIL 25 REVOLUTION AND DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DRASTIC REDUCTION IN LEVEL OF ARMED FORCES MANPOWER THAT WILL RESULT FROM DECOLONIZATION PROGRAM. WITH GUINEA-BISSAU GONE, MOZAMBIQUE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1975, AND ANGOLA LIKELY TO BE DECOLONIZED WITHIN TWO YEARS, PORTUGAL'S NEED FOR A LARGE MILITARY FORCE WILL HAVE DISAPPEARED. RELIABLE SOURCES SAY ARMY WILL RETURN TO ITS PRE-1961 LEVEL OF 50 TO 60,000 AND AIR FORCE AND NAVY WILL TAKE CUTS, BUT OF MUCH LESSER PROPORTION.

3. WE UNDERSTAND ARMY HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO SHRINK AS TROOPS FROM OVERSEAS ARE MUSTERED OUT AND NOT REPLACED, BUT AS YET WE HAVE NO RELIABLE FIGURES ON THE RATE OF SHRINKAGE.
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